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Attorney Docket No.:		022702 IDF 1748 (4000-05800)
First Inventor or Application Identifier		Douglas W. Clark, et al.
Title	A Distributed Computer Network Having a Rotating Message Delivery System Suitable for Use in Load Balancing and/or Messaging Failover	
Express Mail Label No.		EV 066679985 US

I. APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g. PTO/SB17)
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See (Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
3. Specification [Total Pages]: 60
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross References to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to Microfiche Appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claims(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) Total Sheets: 4
2
5. Oath or Declaration Total Pages
 - a. Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)
 1. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)
Named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. Application Data Sheet See 37 CFR 1.76

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

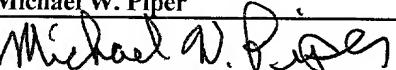
 Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: _____

Prior application information: Examiner: _____

Group Art Unit: _____

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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Examiner Name	Unknown
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Deposit Account Name: Sprint
 Charge Any Additional Fee Required
Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17
 Applicant claims small entity status
See 37 CFR 1.27
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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee	Fee	Fee	Fee
Code (\$)	Code (\$)	Code (\$)	Code (\$)
101	740	201	370
106	330	206	165
107	510	207	255
108	740	208	370
114	160	214	80
Utility filing Fee		\$740.00	
Design filing fee		\$	
Plant filing fee		\$	
Reissue filing fee		\$	
Provisional filing fee		\$	

SUBTOTAL (1) \$

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

		Fee from Extra Claims below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	27	- 20** = 7 x 18.00	= \$126.00
Independent Claims	3	3** = 0 x 84.00	= \$ 0.00
Multiple Dependent		280.00	= \$ 0.00

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	
Fee	Fee	Fee	
Code (\$)	Code (\$)	Code (\$)	
103	18	203 9	
102	84	202 42	
104	280	204 140	
109	84	209 42	
110	18	210 9	
Claims in excess of 20			
Independent Claims in excess of 3			
Multiple dependent claim, if not paid			
** Reissue independent claims over original patent			
** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent			

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee	Fee	Fee	Fee
Code (\$)	Code (\$)	Code (\$)	Code (\$)
105	130	205 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath \$
127	50	227 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet \$
139	130	139 130	Non-English specification \$
147	2,520	147 2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination \$
112	920*	112 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action \$
113	1,840*	113 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action \$
115	110	215 55	Extension for reply within first month \$
116	400	216 200	Extension for reply within second month \$
117	920	217 460	Extension for reply within third month \$
118	1,440	218 720	Extension for reply within fourth month \$
128	1,960	228 980	Extension for reply within fifth month \$
119	320	219 160	Notice of Appeal \$
120	320	220 160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal \$
121	280	221 140	Request for oral hearing \$
138	1,510	138 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding \$
140	110	240 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable \$
141	1,280	241 640	Petition to revive - unintentional \$
142	1,280	242 640	Utility issue fee (or reissue) \$
143	460	243 230	Design issue fee \$
144	620	244 310	Plant issue fee \$
122	130	122 130	Petitions to the Commissioner \$
123	50	123 50	Petitions related to provisional applications \$
126	180	126 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt \$
581	40	581 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) \$
146	740	246 370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a)) \$
149	740	249 370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b)) \$
179	740	279 370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE) \$
169	900	169 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application \$
Other fee (specify)			

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SUBTOTAL (3) \$

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**REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION
UNDER
35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

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I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

2/26/2002

Date

Michael W. Piper

Signature
Michael W. Piper
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This request must be signed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.33(b) and submitted with the application **upon filing**.

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If applicant subsequently files an application directed to the invention disclosed in the attached application in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications eighteen months after filing, the applicant **must** notify the United States Patent and Trademark Office of such filing within forty-five (45) days after the date of the filing of such foreign or international application. **Failure to do so will result in abandonment of this application (35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii)).**